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July 21, 2008

Mr. David Ohnstad
Ravalli County
244 Fairground Road
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Dear Mr. Ohnstad:

Enclosed is a draft technical review report prepared by the Community Development Division engineers regarding your Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) application and your Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) application (if applicable), which includes your preliminary engineering report (PER). The technical review report expresses our staff engineer's understanding of the project and professional opinion in reference to the criteria used to score TSEP statutory priorities #1 (Health and Safety Threat) and #3 (Technical Design), and the equivalent CDBG criteria #2 and #3. After taking into account any comments you may have, the report will be revised if applicable and then used as the basis for scoring these statutory priorities when the TSEP/CDBG technical review ranking team meets.

We have sent this draft report for your engineer to review. This is your opportunity to point out something that our staff engineer may have missed in the PER, or to correct something that we may have misunderstood about the project. However, you are not allowed to introduce any new information that was not previously submitted in the PER or application. If you have any corrections to the draft technical review report, you must specifically reference the location in the PER or application where the information can be found. In particular, review the Proposed Solution (under item 1 of Priority 1) to ensure that this is what you intend to do in your proposed project, since you will be expected to complete that scope of work if you are awarded a TSEP grant. Comments on the draft engineering review report must be received by us no later than August 1st to be included in our application review process. Your engineer's unavailability to review the draft report will not be grounds for an extension of time.

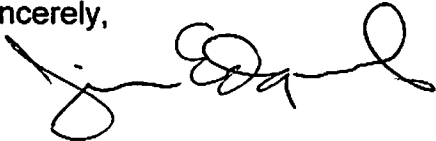
The TSEP/CDBG technical review ranking team will meet as a group to score TSEP statutory priorities #1 and #3 and CDBG criteria #2 and #3. On September 8th we will meet to score bridge applications. On September 9th through 12th, we will meet to score all other types of applications, including those that were submitted to both the TSEP and CDBG programs. These scoring meetings are open to public observation. However, absolutely no comments by the public will be permitted during the project discussion and scoring process, in order to ensure fairness to all applicants. We have scheduled the meeting at the Montana Department of Commerce, basement conference room B18, located at 301 South Park Avenue, at the south end of Last Chance Gulch. We will probably start around 8:00 a.m.

In addition, the TSEP ranking team will meet to score TSEP statutory priorities #4 through #7 starting on September 15th and continue through September 19th, as needed. This process is also open to public observation, and again, no comments by the public will be permitted during the scoring process. The ranking team will be meeting in conference room B18. CDBG applicants will be notified when the date has been set for review of CDBG criteria #1, and #4 through #7.

We encourage you to attend any of these scoring meetings in order to gain a better understanding of how the Department scores the TSEP and CDBG applications. In particular, we encourage you, and especially your project engineer, to observe the scoring of the technical review regarding your application.

You can e-mail your comments to Richard Knatterud at rknatterud@mt.gov, or Kate Miller at kmiller@mt.gov, or mail a computer disk with the information. If you have any questions, please call me at 841-2785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Edgcomb', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jim Edgcomb, Program Manager.
Treasure State Endowment Program

Enclosure: DRAFT Technical Review Report

cc w/out enclosure: Chair Carlotta Grandstaff
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July 18, 2008

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Subject: 2008-2012 Final Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Project Analysis Bureau of the Montana Department of Transportation has published the final version of the 2008-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a listing of transportation improvements planned for Montana for the next five federal fiscal years. This document has been approved by the Montana Transportation Commission and the Federal Highway Administration.

To view the final STIP on-line, go to www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/stip.shtml.

If you would like a hard copy, or if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 1-800-714-7296, (406)444-6110, or glarson@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Gary Larson, Chief
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